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Program Speaker – Dimitris Tatakis

Title

Management of the Gummy Smile Patient: Surgical Lip Repositioning

Abstract

Excessive gingival display, or “gummy smile”, can be an aesthetic concern for patients. Recent evidence indicates that hypermobile upper lip represents a highly prevalent etiology, whether alone or in combination with other factors. This presentation will review the treatment options for hypermobile upper lip, focus on surgical lip repositioning, present technique variants, and discuss the results of recent studies on therapeutic outcomes.

Learning Objectives

1. Cite evidence regarding the contribution of hypermobile upper lip to gummy smile.
2. Describe the various options to treat hypermobile upper lip.
3. Appraise the surgical and patient-reported outcomes of lip repositioning surgery.

Biography

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Dimitris N. Tatakis, DDS, PhD, FICD, is Professor and Director of the Advanced Education Program in Periodontics and Director for Global Initiatives at The Ohio State University College of Dentistry.

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Dr. Tatakis has received the AAP Outstanding Periodontal Educator Award and serves on the Editorial Board of several professional journals, and as an examiner for the American Board of Periodontology. He lectures nationally and internationally.